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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| <b>Applicants:</b> | Lin, <i>et al.</i>                             | <b>Group Art Unit:</b> | 1818                          |
| <b>Serial No.:</b> | 08/182,183                                     | <b>Examiner:</b>       | Marianne P. Allen             |
| <b>Filed:</b>      | May 23, 1994                                   | <b>Docket No.:</b>     | SYNE-225-E<br>(SYNE225/C4-US) |
| <b>For:</b>        | GLIAL CELL LINE-DERIVED<br>NEUROTROPHIC FACTOR | <b>Date:</b>           | December 26, 1996             |

FIRST SUBMISSION AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.129(A)  
RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This application is pending for at least two (2) years as of June 8, 1995. The following is Applicants' first submission after final rejection, under 37 C.F.R. §1.129(a) and is filed prior to the filing of an appeal brief and prior to abandonment of the application. The submission being made is an amendment to the claims and a new substantive argument. The Applicants hereby request that the finality of the rejections be withdrawn pursuant to §1.129(a).

In the Office Action dated June 28, 1996 (Paper No. 25) a shortened statutory period for response was set, ending September 28, 1996. A request for a three (3) month extension of time accompanies this response and extends the time for response to December 28, 1996. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date appearing below.

December 26, 1996

Date

  
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